

In the Claims:

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13. (Currently Amended) A ~~tape~~ measuring device for determining ~~laying out~~ a first distance in real life, the first distance being related to a first dimension measured on a drawing depicting features at a first scaling ratio ~~relative to real life~~, the measuring device comprising:

a first set of indicia comprising marks matching a common system of units;

a second set of indicia comprising marks correlating to the common system of units, wherein the value of the units of the second set of indicia correspond to the value of the units of the first set of indicia and being adjusted linearly by the inverse of the first scaling ratio wherein the first dimension matches the first distance.

14. (Currently Amended) The measurement device of claim 13 being further adapted for laying out a second distance ~~in real life~~, wherein when a second distance ~~in real life~~ is related to a second dimension measured on a second drawing depicting features at a second scaling ratio ~~relative to real life~~, further comprising a third set of indicia comprising marks correlating to the common system of units wherein the value of the units of the third set of indicia correspond to the value of the units of the first set of indicia and being adjusted linearly by the inverse of the second scaling ratio wherein the second dimension matches the second distance.

15. (Previously Presented) The measurement device of claim 13 further comprising a housing.

16. (Previously Presented) The measurement device of claim 13 wherein the first set of indicia comprises numerical values and the second set of indicia comprises numerical values.

17. (Previously Presented) The measurement device of claim 13, wherein the first and second set of indicia have a starting point adjacent to each other.

18. (Previously Presented) The measurement device of claim 13 wherein the first scaling ratio corresponds to one of an engineering and architectural scale.